

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION



September 7, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR
GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY,
INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD PLAYGROUND COVER GRANT PROGRAM**

(All Districts — 3-Vote Matter)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that this action is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
2. Adopt the attached resolution authorizing the filing of an application in the amount of \$25,000 to the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) for playground re-surfacing materials.
3. Authorize and accept the project grant award and the grant agreement for the proposed park playground resurfacing.
4. Authorize the Interim Director of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, as agent of the County of Los Angeles to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to project grant agreement(s), amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Board approval of the above actions will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to complete the application process for the proposed project with the CIWMB.

The CIWMB receives an annual appropriation from the California Tire Recycling Fund (Tire Fund) to administer the California Recycling Act (Statutes of 1989, Chapter 974) Public Resources Code section 42860 et. Seq. As part of the Act, CIWMB offers grants through the Playground Cover Grant Program. The maximum grant is \$25,000 for the surfacing of playgrounds utilizing recycled tires.

To apply for the Waste Tire Playground Cover Grant Program, a local agency must have an authorizing resolution adopted by its governing board that designates the person authorized to act on its behalf. This authorizing resolution is a requirement of the grant program and was inadvertently overlooked at the time the grant application was submitted on June 27, 2003. A \$25,000 grant was awarded to the County on May 27, 2004, contingent upon the County submitting the authorizing resolution on or before September 13, 2004.

The attached resolution delegates to the Interim Director of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, the authority to act on behalf of the County of Los Angeles when applying for the grant and also negotiate the execution of all required grant documentation, including the grant agreement, necessary for completion of the project.

The proposed project will consist of resurfacing portions of play areas at City Terrace Park, Alondra Park, Carolyn Rosas Park, El Cariso Community Regional Park, and Pamela Park with rubber surfacing made of 100 percent California recycled tires. Each play area will be resurfaced with approximately 500 sq. ft. of waste tire rubber surfacing material in lieu of the sand currently in these play areas. The contents of the recycled, rubber surfacing do not contain hazardous materials. The materials to be provided and installed have been tested for and comply with accessibility standards pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). In addition, the materials meet head safety impact or "fall zone" standard of a maximum height of six feet. A final inspection of all materials and the installation shall be completed by a Playground Inspector certified by the National Playground Safety Institute prior to the Department accepting the installed materials.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The action is supportive of the County's Strategic Plan Goal 4 (Fiscal Responsibility) by increasing the Department's public/private partnerships, managing our resources effectively, and investing in the public infrastructure and Goal 5 (Children and Families' Well-Being) by improving the good health, economic well-being, safety and survival, emotional and social well-being, and educational/workforce readiness of the children and families of the County.

FISCAL IMPACT/ FINANCING

The recommended action is to approve the completion of the application for funding of additional playground improvements on property. The improvements will be funded by CIWMB, and the individual projects to be administered under this program will be included in the appropriate capital project budget. The Waste Tire Playground Cover Grant Program requires a 25 percent match or \$6,250. All of the play areas identified are currently scheduled to undergo renovation or replacement as part of an identified capital project and, therefore, the required match is already identified.

Operating Budget Impact

The Department does not anticipate any one-time or on-going operating costs specifically related to this grant at this time. The CAO and Department will promptly report any operating or maintenance costs that are attributable to the activities under this grant if they are identified.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/ LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

As the grantee, the County will be required to spend the funds in accordance with the CIWMB guidelines. The Department will be responsible for the completion of all funded projects and the submittal of all final documentation no later than April 6, 2006.

County Counsel has approved the attached resolution as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Section 15301 (d), 15302 (c) and Class 1, Class 2 (e) of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the project involves minor alteration of existing public facilities and for replacement or reconstruction of existing structures or facilities.

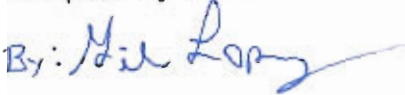
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Award of the grant will not have any impact on any other current services or projects.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to forward the original and two (2) conformed copies of this letter and resolution to the Department of Parks and Recreation by September 9, 2004, to complete the application packets.

Respectfully submitted,

By: 

Russ Guiney
Interim Director

Attachment

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c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors (22)

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, INTEGRATED WASTE
MANAGEMENT BOARD WASTE TIRE PLAYGROUND COVER GRANT PROGRAM**

**Alondra Community Regional Park
City Terrace Park
El Cariso Community Regional Park
Carolyn Rosas Park
Pamela Park**

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted Assembly Bill 1843 (W. Brown chapter 974, Statutes of 1989) that provides grants to public entities involved in activities that result in reduced landfill disposal of used whole tires and reduced illegal disposal or stockpiling of used whole tires; and

WHEREAS, the California Integrated Waste Management Board has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program for the State, setting up necessary procedures governing program applications; and

WHEREAS, said procedures set up by the California Integrated Waste Management Board require the applicant to certify by resolution approval of the application before submission of said application to the State; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the Grantor require the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation (the Grantee) to certify by resolution the approval of application before submission of said application to the State; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; and

WHEREAS, if awarded a grant, the applicant will enter into a Grant Agreement with the State of California for development of the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Grantee hereby:

1. Authorizes the filing of an application to the California Integrated Waste Management Board for the 2003/2004 Playground Cover Grant Program; and
2. Appoints the Director of Parks and Recreation, or his designee as agent of the County to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents, including but

not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, billing statements, and so on which may be necessary for the aforementioned project.


The foregoing resolution was on the _____ day of _____ 2004, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessments and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Of the County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

By 
Helen S. Parker, Principal Deputy